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1. The target date for the completion of the S. S. A. MOZHAISKI, which had first been set for 30 November 1952, was officially postponed to 31 March 1953, and was finally deferred to 30 April 1953, because the ship had not yet received turbines. The electrical equipment of the ship was tested in February 1953. Twenty-eight of the 70 ventilator motors were tested and 13 allegedly cut out because of shorted coils (short circuit) and seized bearings. The Schiffselektrik VEM (marine electric corporation, nationalized plant), Baustelle Wismar (Wismar construction section) maintained that these failures were due to low-grade material used in the motors which had been supplied by the Elektro-Motorenwerk in Gera. Also tested were four main generators in which the ventilator wires used for cooling the generator had parted and had to be replaced by stronger ones, allegedly because of low grade material of the motors which had been supplied by the Elektro-Motorenwerk in Dessau.
2. The target date for the completion of the merchant ship SESTRORETSK which had been set for 31 August 1953, was postponed to an unknown date in 1954. The target dates for the A1 and A2-type Soviet river passenger ships, of which the A1-type vessel had to be completed by 31 May 1953 and the A2-type vessels by 30 June 1953, were also postponed. The new target dates were 10 December 1953 for the A1-type ships and 20 January 1954 for the A2-type ships. These delays were unavoidable as the shortage of material made any continuous progress of work on these ships impossible. Lacking were hollow cables and welding apparatus which did not arrived from the Kjellberg firm in Finsterwalde until February 1953, as well as iron plates, 5 millimeters and 6 millimeters thick, and imported single-ply glass including single-ply glass up to 12 kilograms, previously made by the VEB-Gstglas in Dresden, which was unable to repair the only hardening furnace available in Dresden. 1

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